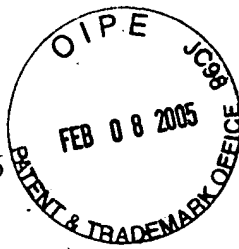


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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DRAWINGS

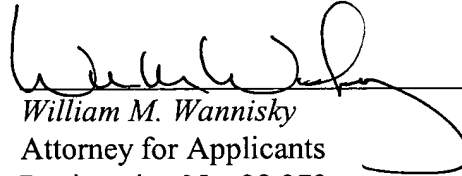
Sir:

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the amendments to Figures 1, 2, 4A, and 6, as shown in red ink in on the attached sketches. The amendments consist of adding reference characters "7" and "7a" and related lead lines to Figure 1; adding reference characters "A" and "7" and related lead lines to Figure 2; adding the legend --PRIOR ART-- to Figure 4A; and adding reference characters "SD" and "7a" and related space and lead lines and deleting reference character "8" in Figure 6.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly requested.

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